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1. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF MISSION'S SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT OF DEPENDENTS OF U.S. NATIONALS ON STAFF OF UNIDO.

2. QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TO 92 STAFF MEMBERS WITH 51 REPLIES BEING RECEIVED.

3. 18 REPORTED HAVING DEPENDENTS, FOR A TOTAL OF 26 DEPENDENTS.

4. OF THE DEPENDENTS, ONE WORKED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ONE IN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND TWO IN A DIPLOMATIC MISSION FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR DEPENDENTS ACTUALLY WORKING.

5. THOSE RESPONDENTS REPORTING FACTORS INHIBITING EMPLOYMENT OF DEPENDENTS MENTIONED ONLY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES: I.E., LANGUAGE, UNIONS AND BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS. NONE RE-
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PORTED ANY UNTOWARD DIFFICULTIES WITH OBTAINING A WORK PERMIT WHICH IS ONLY AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGNERS DESIRING TO WORK IN AUSTRIA AND WHICH, ACCORDING TO ADVICE OF UNIDO'S PERSONNEL SERVICES SECTION, IS NORMALLY GRANTED. TEXT OF PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER RECEIVED ON SUBJECT FROM UNIDO FOLLOWS:

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" THE POSITION OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPOUSES OF NON-AUSTRIAN UNIDO STAFF MEMBERS WAS ASCERTAINED IN 1967 BY THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. STAVROPOULOS, DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE

REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA REGARDING THE HEADQUARTERS OF UNIDO. WHEN HE ASKED THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AMBASSADOR WALDHEIM, WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY DIFFICULTIES TO GET PERMISSION TO WORK FOR THE PERSONS IN QUESTION, AT THE TIME AMBASSADOR WALDHEIM GAVE THE ORAL ASSURANCE TO MR. STAVROPOULOS THAT SPOUSES OF NON-AUSTRIAN UNIDO STAFF MEMBERS WOULD RECEIVE PERMISSION TO WORK IN AUSTRIA. NO WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WAS REQUESTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEREFORE NOT GIVEN BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

AS FAR AS UNIDO IS CONCERNED, EXPERIENCE PROVES THAT IN THE FEW CASES WHERE SPOUSES OF NON-AUSTRIAN STAFF MEMBERS WISHED TO WORK IN AUSTRIA, PERMISSION TO WORK WAS GIVEN WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTIES BY THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, A WRITTEN REQUEST HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMPETENT ARBEITSAMT (EMPLOYMENT OFFICE).

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THE LEGAL OFFICE OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN RECENTLY CONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE POSITION OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED. THE REPLY WAS THAT FROM A LEGAL POINT OF VIEW THERE IS NO REASON WHY SPOUSES OF NON-AUSTRIAN STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM WORKING IN AUSTRIA.

WE MAY ADD THAT IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POLICY AND PRACTICE WOULD ALSO BE APPLIED BY THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES TO OTHER DEPENDENTS LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OF THE UNIDO STAFF MEMBER. "
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